

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended): A method for training a user to pack retail carrier bags comprising the steps of:

providing logic in a computer to evaluate whether a plurality of virtual retail carrier bags have been properly packed with a plurality of virtual purchased items; said logic including packing criteria; each virtual purchased item having a specification; said specification including weight, dimensions and any special characteristic;

presenting said plurality of virtual purchased items in said computer in random order;

representing said plurality of virtual retail carrier bag in said computer;

moving said plurality of virtual purchased items one at a time, as presented, into said plurality of virtual retail carrier bags one at a time within said computer in accordance with signals generated by said user; and

evaluating in said computer how closely the packing of said plurality of virtual purchased items into said plurality of retail carrier bags conforms to said packing criteria; and

providing feedback to said user.

2. - 4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended): The method of claim 1 in which said packing criteria include the number of virtual purchased items packed in each virtual retail carrier bag.

6. (currently amended): The method of claim 1 in which said criteria include the criterion that a virtual crushable purchased item should be in a lower position within said virtual retail carrier bag.

7. (currently amended): The method of claim 1 in which said criteria include the criterion that a virtual breakable purchased item should be in a lower corner position within ~~the~~ said virtual retail carrier bag.

8. (currently amended): The method of claim 1 in which said feedback includes weight distribution among said plurality of virtual retail carrier bags.

9. (currently amended): The method of claim 1 in which said feedback includes the number of virtual purchased items per virtual retail carrier bag.

10. (currently amended): The method of claim 1 in which said feedback includes the total time taken by said user to pack all of said virtual purchased items into said plurality of virtual retail carrier bags.

11. (currently amended): The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of recording said feedback ~~said user~~ in a database accessible to an administrator through a computer network.

12.-33. (cancelled)

34. (previously presented): A method of training a person in the art of packaging purchased items comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a computer generated GUI of a packing station; said packing station including:
 - i) simulations of a plurality of different purchased items;
 - ii) a simulation of at least one packing bag;
 - iii) a simulation of at least one packing platform;
 - iv) a simulation of a conveyor belt traveling towards said packing station;
 - v) a simulation of a grocery cart;

- vi) an item vertical rotate button;
 - vii) an item horizontal rotate button;
 - viii) a new bag button;
 - ix) a done button;
 - x) a cursor;
 - xi) a bag item count indicator;
 - xii) a bag weight indicator;
 - xiii) an elapsed time indicator;
- b) providing a computer linked means for said person to manipulate said cursor;
 - c) providing a specification for each different purchased item; said specification including weight, dimensions and any special characteristic;
 - d) simulating movement of said purchased items along said conveyor belt; said purchased items being presented in random order;
 - e) allowing said person to place at least one bag on said packing station by clicking said new bag button;
 - f) allowing said person to rotate said purchased item, if necessary, by clicking one or both of said rotate buttons with said cursor;
 - g) allowing said person to move one purchased item at a time from said conveyor belt to said packing bag and place said purchased item in a specific location within said packing bag by means of dragging and dropping with said cursor;

- h) allowing said person to move a filled packing bag from said packing platform to said grocery cart by dragging and dropping with said cursor;
 - i) allowing said person to signal that said person has finished packing all purchased items by clicking the done button;
 - j) tracking a number of parameters for each training run; said parameters including the number of items placed in each bag, the total weight of items placed in each bag, the total time to complete packing of all items, and whether items were properly placed in said bags;
 - k) reporting these parameters to said person; and
 - l) calculating a score for each training run based on these parameters.
35. (currently amended): The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of recording said feedback ~~said user~~ in a database accessible to an administrator through a computer network.